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BOULDER MOUNTAIN DEER POACHERS PROSECUTED

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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers assigned to the southern region conducted surveillance on a camp of suspected poachers during the 2010 muzzleloader deer hunt. During the course of the investigation, conservation officers documented five California residents committing various violations of Utah criminal and wildlife code.

Hunting on the Boulder Mountain unit, three of the five hunters were utilizing southeastern region permits - which are not valid in the area. Two individuals obtained duplicate southern region deer permits prior to the hunt, claiming that they had lost their original permits. The fraudulently obtained permits were then used to tag illegally killed deer.



The individuals were convicted of five counts of wanton destruction of protected wildlife and one subject was convicted of a felony restricted-person weapons charge. All now face a pending license suspension process in the state of Utah and the potential loss of hunting privileges in all Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact states for up to 5 years. Three firearms were forfeited by order of the court.

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